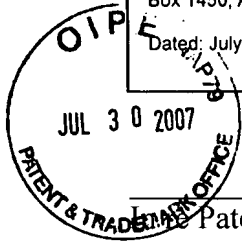


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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated January 30, 2007 (Paper No. 107), for which a response is due on April 30, 2007. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for three months extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to July 30, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 11 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 21 of this paper.